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Dear Doctor Henney:

I recently read an article in "Vegetarian Times" about genetically engineered foods. I am absolutely appalled that anyone would consider doing this without knowing **first** what the consequences would be to our physical environment including all insects, birds, and animals that may come into contact with these genetically altered crops. It's a whole other issue when discussing the health consequences. How do you know what the long term effect will be on our bodies **after** eating these foods? What about on our children who are even more susceptible?

I know genetically altered foods are already on our store shelves, but you can be sure I have not and will not knowingly purchase any of them. I am also encouraging my **friends**, family and co-workers to avoid them at all costs. How could you consider not labeling these altered foods? What about all the thousands of people who have food allergies? What about all the vegetarians who, for ethical reasons, choose not to consume any animal products? What about all the people who want to purchase and eat only pure, healthy organic food? What about the organic farmers who have been working so long and hard to bring us this type of food? Don't get me wrong, I am all for **change** when it comes about in an **ethical**, environmentally friendly and healthy manner.

I hope you consider these issues very carefully - your Department may be setting in motion something that cannot be reversed, something that may have very serious and **life-threatening** consequences to us all.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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